



# REAL MONEY. REAL WORLD.

## Purpose

Over the past eight years, Real Money. Real World. (RMRW) has connected thousands of teenagers to a practical learning experience from The Ohio State University. And, although youth are the target consumers, entire communities are strengthened by bringing people together to work on a common educational goal.

First developed by OSU Extension in 2005, RMRW is a hands-on experience that gives young people the opportunity to make financial choices similar to those they will make as adults.

Youth explore lifestyle choices, budgeting, and develop vital money management skills. RMRW includes a spending simulation that partners OSU Extension, schools, organizations, and local businesses.

## Impact

Since its inception, RMRW has been provided in 221 schools in 54 Ohio counties. In 2012, nearly 14,000 youth ages 12 to 19 participated.



## OHIO STATE COLLEGES/UNITS INVOLVED

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS INVOLVED

THERE ARE CURRENTLY **49** COUNTY  
BASED OSU EXTENSION OFFICES  
INVOLVED.



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